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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 13, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 2, 5-12 and 14-16 so as to read as follows:

a4 2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, performed by two or more aspirate/dispense heads such that sampling devices aspirate samples at one head and then travel to a subsequent head to perform further aspiration or dispensing.

5. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein sprocket holes are incorporated in the strip to facilitate drive and indexing of the strip.

a2 6. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein the body of each sampling device is used as a gear track to facilitate drive and indexing of the strip.

7. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein the sampling devices are positive displacement pipettes.

8. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein the sampling devices are air displacement pipette tips.

9. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein the sampling devices are capillaries.

10. (Amended) An array according to claim 3, wherein the sampling devices are sampling pins.